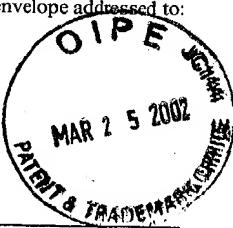


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For: SINGLE TARGET COUNTING
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the United States patents, which are readily available to the Examiner, are not enclosed. Applicant would be glad to furnish copies of the U.S. Patents if the Examiner so desires. All of the non-patent references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of an International Preliminary Examination Report corresponding to the PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

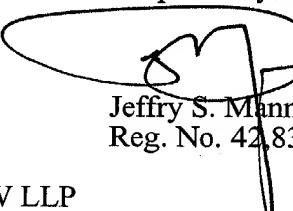
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference 19916-38PC | FOR FURTHER ACTION | | See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) |
| International application No. PCT/US01/05164 | International filing date (day/month/year) 16 February 2001 (16.02.2001) | Priority date (day/month/year) 16 February 2000 (16.02.2000) | |
| International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): G01N 33/533 and US Cl.: 435/7.1 | | | |
| Applicant QUANTUM DOT CORPORATION | | | |

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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| Date of submission of the demand 22 August 2001 (22.08.2001) | Date of completion of this report 07 November 2001 (07.11.2001) |
| Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703)305-3230 | Authorized officer Bao-Thuy L. Nguyen Telephone No. (703) 308-0196 |

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed. the description:

pages 1-58 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____ the claims:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

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| Novelty (N) | Claims <u>1-39</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Inventive Step (IS) | Claims <u>1-39</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |
| Industrial Applicability (IA) | Claims <u>1-39</u> | YES |
| | Claims <u>NONE</u> | NO |

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-39 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method of detecting a target species using two different single quantum dots as label.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

| Application No <u>Patent No.</u> | Publication Date <u>(day/month/year)</u> | Filing Date <u>(day/month/year)</u> | Priority date (valid claim) <u>(day/month/year)</u> |
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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

| Kind of non-written disclosure | Date of non-written disclosure <u>(day/month/year)</u> | Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure <u>(day/month/year)</u> |
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